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To: [Name No. 42].[i]

ARTHUR[11] has reported:

- 1. Recently the Americans have more than once told him about the concentration of a combined Japanese force on PARAMUSHIR (naval and air forces). They are asking questions as to whether this is being done with a view to starting offensive operations against the Americans on ATTU or against KAMCHATKA. The composition of the forces was not reported.
- 2. In connection with the arrival of our ice-breaker "JOSEPH STALIN" ARTHUR was visited by an officer who described himself as Captain of one of the five big U.S. ice-breakers which are being rebuilt in LOS ANGELES, and who said [H% that] ice-breakers were not being used at present. The Americans had no experience of navigation in ice and therefore would be glad to take part in our ice-breaking campaign in

[19 groups unrecoverable] [61 groups unrecovered]

In the ALEUTIANS and at other points

[42 groups unrecovered]

excavators

[11 groups unrecovered]

possibly similar excavators and road-building machinery will soon [2 groups unrecovered]

No. 488

[Name No. 91][iii]

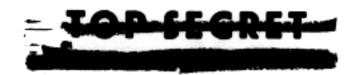
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Comments: [i] Name No. 42: Possibly Capt. (1st Rank) M. A. VORONTSOV.

[ii] ARTHUR Unidentified cover-name.

[iii] Name No. 91: Probably Capt. (1st Rank) I. A. EGORICHEV, Soviet Naval Attaché in WASHINGTON.

